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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 18, 2008, kindly amend the  
above-identified patent application as follows: